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Subject: FHMIA: FACES support for Question1 (wastewater management)

From: <info@fhmia.org>

Date: Tue, April 22, 2014 7:23 pm

FHMIA Email Members,

Please see below for information from FACES re. upcoming ballot question 1 (wastewater management).

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Subject: Re: FACES support for Question1

From: Mary <mawhub@hotmail.com>

Date: Tue, April 22, 2014 5:07 pm

FACES Board of Directors recently voted to support ballot question #1 in the upcoming election of May 20. Please read the attached letter and throw your support behind this important local issue!

22 April 2014

Dear Friends of FACES,

On May 20 the Town will make a critical decision about Falmouth's future when residents vote to move ahead with a balanced wastewater management plan. This plan will combine expansion of sewers in the very densely populated areas in Teaticket and around Little Pond with implementation of alternative methods, as well as upgrades to our current treatment plant. It is critically necessary because nitrogen pollution from septic systems threatens the health of our water bodies, our economy, and our quality of life. Restoring our estuaries and protecting our water quality are goals that FACES has advocated since its inception.

Falmouth has debated the idea of sewerage for many years, beginning in 1935, when the Town failed to approve a project estimated to cost \$5000 (\$87,000 in 2014 dollars). In the 1970s the State mandated that Falmouth begin sewerage. The existing sewage treatment plant came online in 1985, but has operated at only 50% capacity. The plan to sewer Little Pond will bring the plant up to 75% capacity, increase its efficiency, and complete sewerage of the Teaticket business district and Teaticket Elementary School, in addition to the residential areas.

The Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan has been approved by both the State and the Cape Cod Commission. It allows for flexibility to employ new technologies once they are proven to be effective, and to take advantage of potential cost savings. **Careful financial planning by the Town will fund these water quality projects WITHOUT raising the tax rate; this will be new debt replacing old debt in the same amount.**

We are supporting the **Yes On 1** campaign. It needs your help also. We are asking our long-time supporters to contribute to this effort by putting up lawn signs, writing letters to the Enterprise and donating whatever you can to the campaign. Your donations will be used for lawn signs, postage and advertisements.

Checks may be made out to "Committee to Vote Yes on 1" and sent to:

Paul Ketchum
Committee to Vote Yes On 1
31 Moorland Rd.
Falmouth, MA 02540

It is time to clean up our water. To help, contact either Doug Brown (Chairman) or Paul Ketchum (Treasurer) at the above address. We would very much appreciate it if you could send your check today so that we can get information out in time to make a difference. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Holdren and Deborah Siegal, Co-Presidents, FACES